

House Resolution No. 2257

Whereas, as the 2007-2008 school year draws to a close, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to applaud the career achievements of those individuals who are retiring from the field of education; and

Whereas, the Delta C-7 School District is losing a valuable member of its faculty on May 23, 2008, with the retirement of Douglas Coleman James who has devoted several years of his life to the education of this state's young citizens through tireless endeavors as an educator; and

Whereas, Douglas James has taught for thirty-five years at Delta C-7, where he is held in high esteem as an educator who demonstrates considerable competence and remarkable degrees of compassion and understanding; and

Whereas, deeply committed to the great cause of learning, Douglas James has also served as a junior and senior high basketball, volleyball, and softball coach; and

Whereas, Douglas James has watched his pupils grow, develop, and mature through the knowledge he has imparted to them both as a teacher and as a friend; and

Whereas, so many young Missourians have left the classrooms of Delta C-7 fully prepared to face the challenges ahead as a result of the outstanding professional endeavors of Douglas James; and

Whereas, a member of Delta Ruritan and Oak Grove Baptist Church, Douglas James has been blessed with the love and support of a wonderful family whose members include his son, Brian James; and two siblings, Alice Reis and Jeanette Bradshaw:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join the Delta C-7 School District in expressing appreciation for the unparalleled service that Douglas James has rendered to Missouri's children and in wishing him the long, fruitful, and enjoyable retirement that he so justly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Douglas Coleman James, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Terry Swinger
District No. 162

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2257, adopted April 28, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker